

2016 Annual Report



RENE G. LANDA
CHIEF OF POLICE

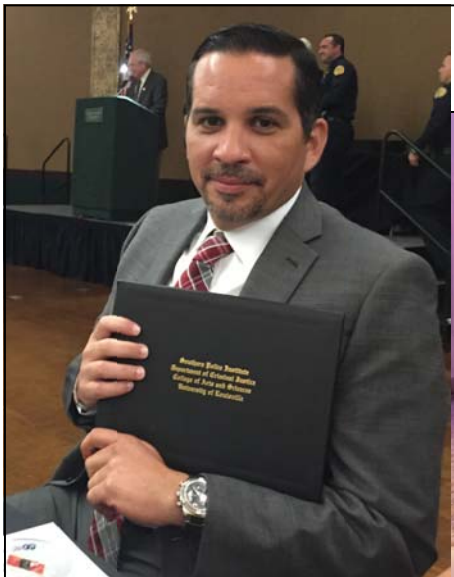


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MISSION STATEMENT

**TO DELIVER PROFESSIONAL POLICE SERVICES IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE WE SERVE, IN
ORDER TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND SECURE
ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL**



VISION STATEMENT

**TO BE A WORLD CLASS LAW ENFORCEMENT
AGENCY, ONE THAT EXHIBITS TRAITS FOR OTHER
AGENCIES TO EMULATE, ONE THAT IS
CONSTANTLY ENDEAVORING TO IMPROVE AND
STAY ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF THE POLICING
PROFESSION; AN AGENCY THAT IMPRESSES ITS
CITIZENS THE FIRST AND EVERY TIME, ALWAYS
STRIVING TO IMPROVE UPON ITS SUCCESSES AND
ONE THAT EMPOWERS AND ENCOURAGES ITS
EMPLOYEES TO SERVE THE PUBLIC AND
PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY WITH DIGNITY,
HONOR AND PRIDE.**

CORE VALUES

EXCELLENCE, INTEGRITY AND INCLUSION



OATH OF HONOR

**ON MY HONOR,
I WILL NEVER BETRAY MY BADGE,
MY INTEGRITY, MY CHARACTER,
OR THE PUBLIC TRUST.
I WILL ALWAYS HAVE
THE COURAGE TO HOLD MYSELF
AND OTHERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR ACTIONS.
I WILL ALWAYS UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION,
MY COMMUNITY AND THE AGENCY I SERVE.**

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

It gives me great pleasure to present the South Miami Police Department's Annual Report for 2016. As another year has come and gone, I am reminded of what it truly means to be a public servant. The public gives a lot of power to a police officer, but to whom much is given, much is required. From the moment the badge is entrusted to an officer, they commit to serving the greater good in spirit, of service, justice and fundamental fairness. Inherent in that power is the need to perform that vocation with honor and respect with everyone an officer may come into contact with. Consequently, policing always has been and will be about the people.

It is an honor and a privilege to be the Chief of Police for the South Miami Police Department where bridges between the public and our officers have resulted in so many positive accomplishments over the last few years. Especially today amidst the most challenging times that law enforcement faces. This is why, more than ever, building strong relationships based upon genuine trust between residents and law enforcement is essential and will accomplish outstanding results. Service to the community is at the heart of everything each police officer should do, both now and in the future.

Over the last three years, South Miami has seen a 40% drop in reported crime. In 2016, the total number of reported crimes was at the lowest it has been in almost 20 years. It is through the hard work of every police officer and civilian employee of the department, combined with the willingness of the public we serve, that this impact on crime has been achieved. As crime in the city has decreased, the community's satisfaction with the service we provide has increased while our performance and professionalism continues to stay strong.

Our agency constantly strives to reach out to the public we serve whether responding to calls for service, completing park and walks or through community activities for adults and children. Our **CAST (Cops and Students Talking) Program** brings students and officers together in a non-threatening environment to build important bridges for today and the future. Through other positive interactions with residents and business owners such as Coffee with Cops or our annual **National Night Out** event, we bring citizens and officers together in a relaxed and festive atmosphere, a sort of common ground.

We are fortunate to have **Neighborhood Resource Officers** who work to confront problems in different neighborhoods; our **Police Athletic League** works with our neighborhood youth in order to keep them involved with good instead of bad; our police command staff are assigned specific geographic sections of the city so they can reach out to residents in those areas to address any concerns as part of our **"Own a Zone Program"**; and we continue with our **Staff Walks** in areas where problems have been identified, going door to door distributing crime prevention information and in order to get a better idea of solutions that work by putting their

“boots on the ground.”

We need to continue working one on one with our community so that we can identify where the problems exist in order to provide and implement our solutions. By constantly using our tools and resources we will continue to build and sustain a culture in policing that values transparency, accountability and community engagement, as well as, increasing community trust.

This year, the South Miami Police Department activated a **SWAT team** to be ready to protect the public from some of the threats we have seen in other cities. It seems like every day another city is struck with tragedy at a shopping mall or school. Our agency stands ready with our specially trained officers to provide the best response in case we experience such horrific tragedies.

The dedicated men and women of the South Miami Police Department have taken an oath to “Protect and Serve” our community each and every day. Their dedication and commitment to all the people that live, work and play in our city has been above reproach and has made a difference in people’s lives.

I want thank our officers and all of our civilian employees for a job well done and thank the people of South Miami for their continued support. I would also like to thank the Mayor, City Commission and our City Manager for providing us with the ability to reach these achievements the past three years and hope for even more success going forward.

*“Police officers take risks and secure the safety of fellow citizens and they endure such risks and tolerate such inconvenience on behalf of strangers. Consequently, police work is one of the more noble and selfless occupation in society. **Making a difference** in the quality of life is an opportunity that policing provides and few other professions can offer.”*

- International Association of Chiefs of Police

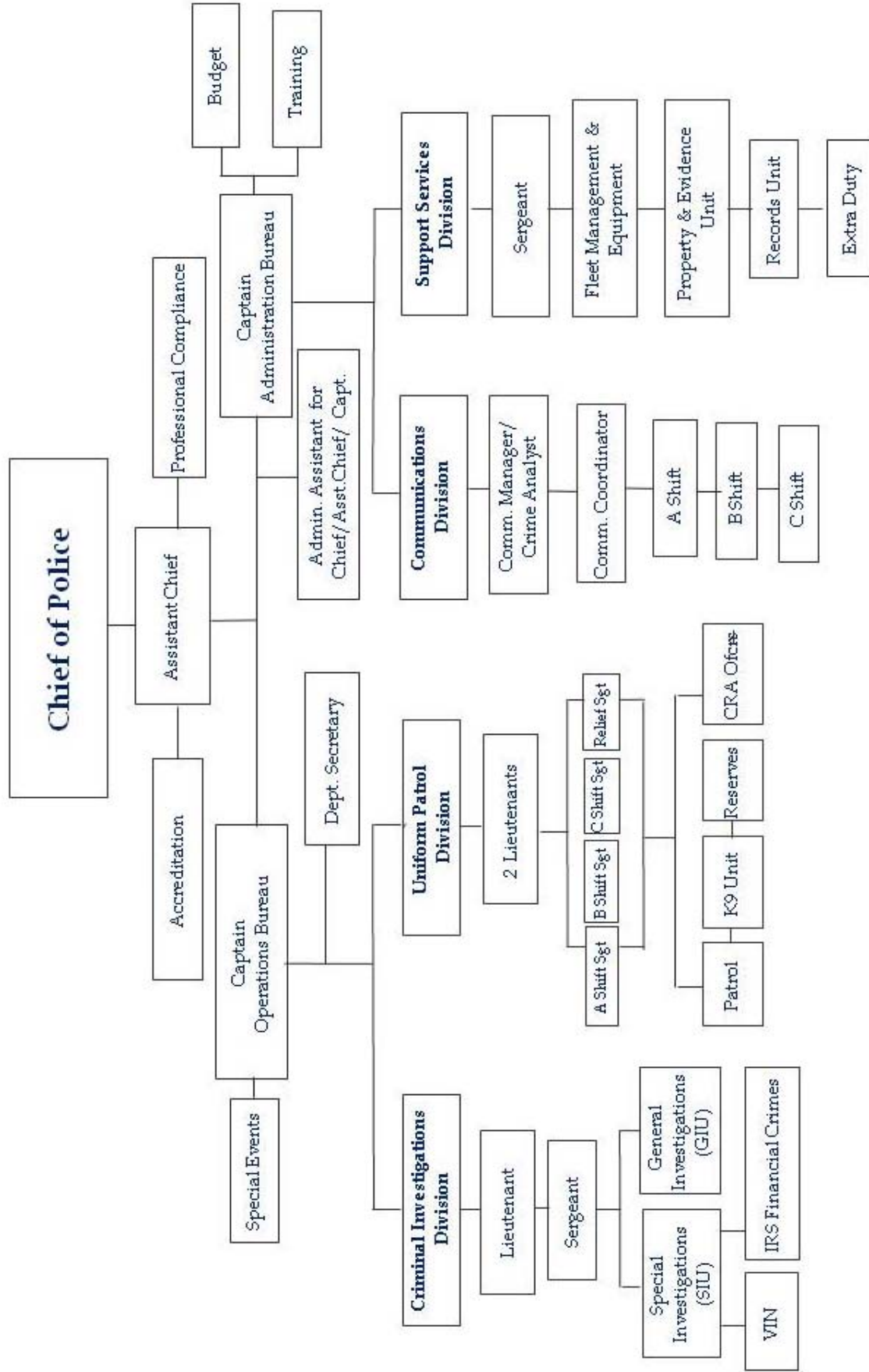
Sincerely,

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Chief Rene G. Landa



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Revised April 2016

COMMAND STAFF



Rene G. Landa
Chief of Police



Louis Fata
Assistant Chief of Police



Larry Corbin
Operations Captain



John Barzola
Administrative Captain



Lt. Lisa Capman
Patrol Division

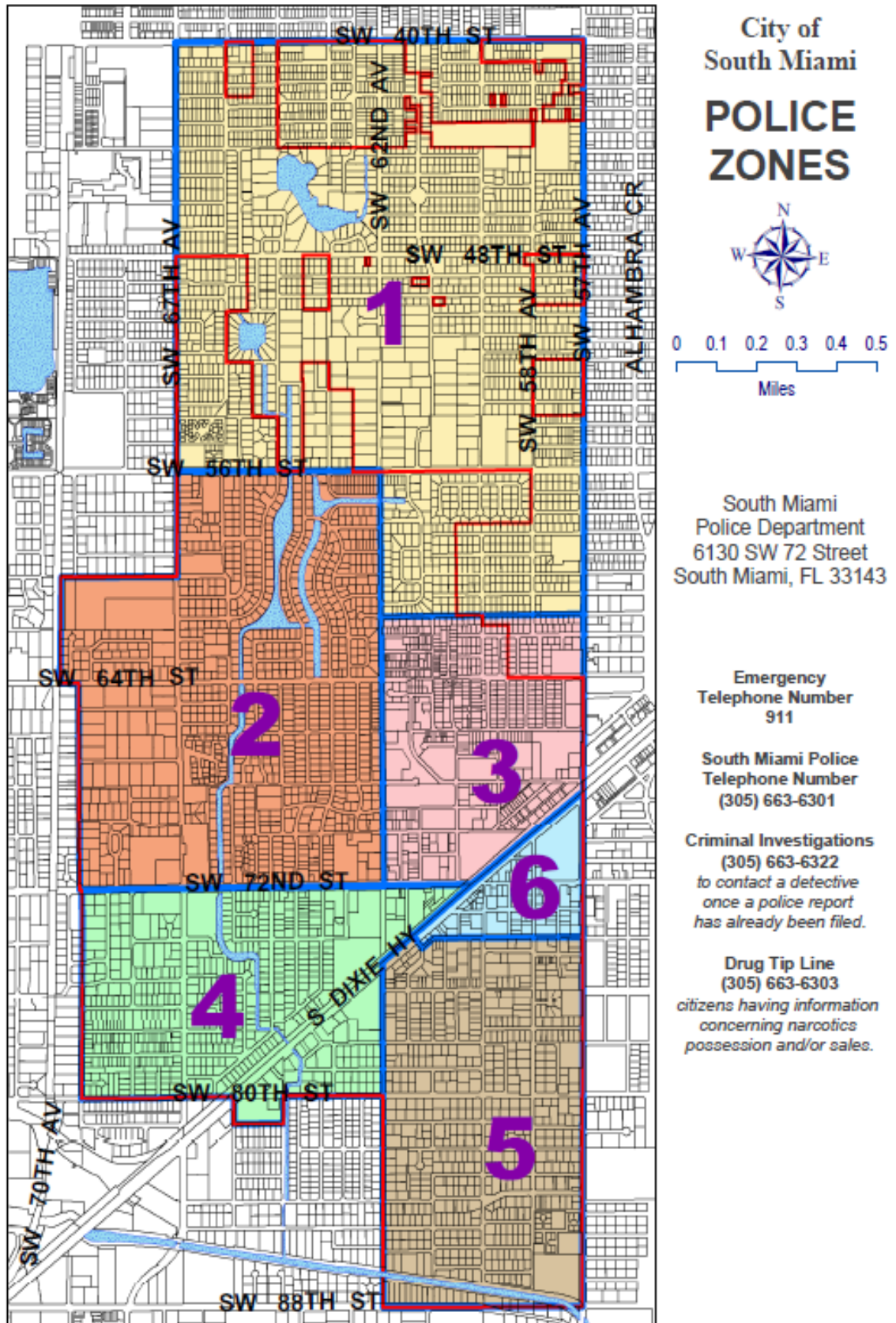


Lt. Ruben Rodriguez
Patrol Division



Lt. Jesus Aguiar
Criminal Investigations Division

POLICE ZONES



ANNUAL COMPARISON



CRIME IN FLORIDA

Florida Department of
Law Enforcement

January - December 2016

(UNVERIFIED - SUBMITTED DATA FOR REVIEW)

The statistics presented in this release are an indication of crime and criminal activities known to, and reported by, law enforcement agencies for 2016. This report reflects data residing in the UCR database as of 2/20/2017.

Crime Volume and Rate

MEASURE	2015	2016	Percent Change
Total Index Crime	776	597	-23.1
Total Violent Crime	80	56	-30.0
Total Property Crime	696	541	-22.3
Total Crime Rate	5,682.5	4,623.6	-18.6
Violent Crime Rate	585.8	433.7	-26.0
Property Crime Rate	5,096.7	4,189.9	-17.8

Offense Totals

INDEX OFFENSES	2015	2016	Percent Change
Murder	0	2	
Firearm	0	2	
Knife/Cutting Instr.	0	0	
Hands/Fists/Feet	0	0	
Other	0	0	
Rape	4	6	50.0
Firearm	0	0	
Knife/Cutting Instr.	1	0	-100.0
Hands/Fists/Feet	2	4	100.0
Other	1	2	100.0
Robbery	21	11	-47.6
Firearm	7	7	0.0
Knife/Cutting Instr.	1	0	-100.0
Hands/Fists/Feet	8	3	-62.5
Other	5	1	-80.0
Aggravated Assault	55	37	-32.7
Firearm	12	7	-41.7
Knife/Cutting Instr.	9	8	-11.1
Hands/Fists/Feet	25	13	-48.0
Other	9	9	0.0
Burglary	122	116	-4.9
Forced Entry	45	37	-17.8
No Forced Entry	71	69	-2.8
Attempted Entry	6	10	66.7
Larceny	544	409	-24.8
Pocket Picking	13	21	61.5
Purse Snatching	6	2	-66.7
Shoplifting	92	70	-23.9
From Motor Vehicle	196	129	-34.2
Motor Vehicle Parts	26	28	7.7
Bicycles	29	11	-62.1
From Building	7	7	0.0
From Coin Oper. Dev.	0	0	
All Other	175	141	-19.4
Motor Vehicle Theft	30	16	-46.7
TOTAL INDEX OFFENSES	776	597	-23.1

Arrest Totals

ARREST TYPE	2015	2016	Percent Change
Violent Offense Arrests	27	27	0.0
Adult	25	26	4.0
Juvenile	2	1	-50.0
Male	19	25	31.6
Female	8	2	-75.0
Property Offense Arrests	92	68	-26.1
Adult	84	64	-23.8
Juvenile	8	4	-50.0
Male	77	55	-28.6
Female	15	13	-13.3
Part II Offense Arrests	294	269	-8.5
Adult	274	255	-6.9
Juvenile	20	14	-30.0
Male	234	219	-6.4
Female	60	50	-16.7
TOTAL ARRESTS	413	364	-11.9

Domestic Violence by Offense Type

PRIMARY OFFENSE	2015	2016	Percent Change
Murder	0	0	
Manslaughter	0	0	
Rape	1	0	-100.0
Fondling	0	0	
Aggravated Assault	12	10	-16.7
Aggravated Stalking	0	0	
Simple Assault	28	21	-25.0
Threat/Intimidation	1	3	200.0
Simple Stalking	0	0	
TOTAL OFFENSES	42	34	-19.0

Property Information Values

PROPERTY TYPE	STOLEN VALUE	RECOVERED VALUE
Currency, Note, Etc.	67,858	1,084
Jewelry, Precious Metals	155,673	8,300
Clothing & Furs	55,485	15,691
Motor Vehicles	353,500	220,485
Office Equipment	105,793	8,508
TVs, Radios, Stereos	22,011	694
Firearms	14,455	1
Household Goods	24,352	24
Consumable Goods	1,931	693
Livestock	0	0
Miscellaneous	142,434	27,448
TOTAL VALUES	943,492	282,928

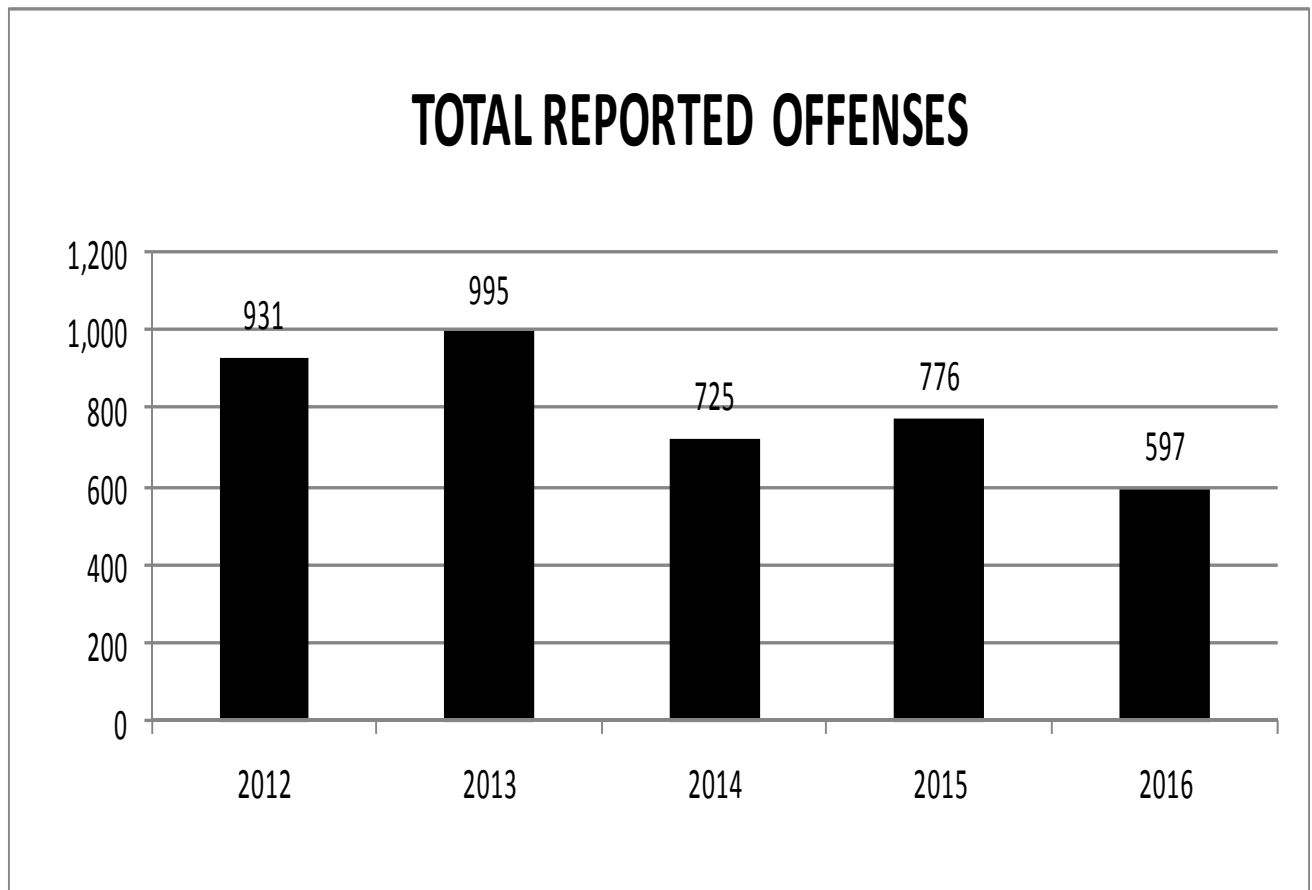
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UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS

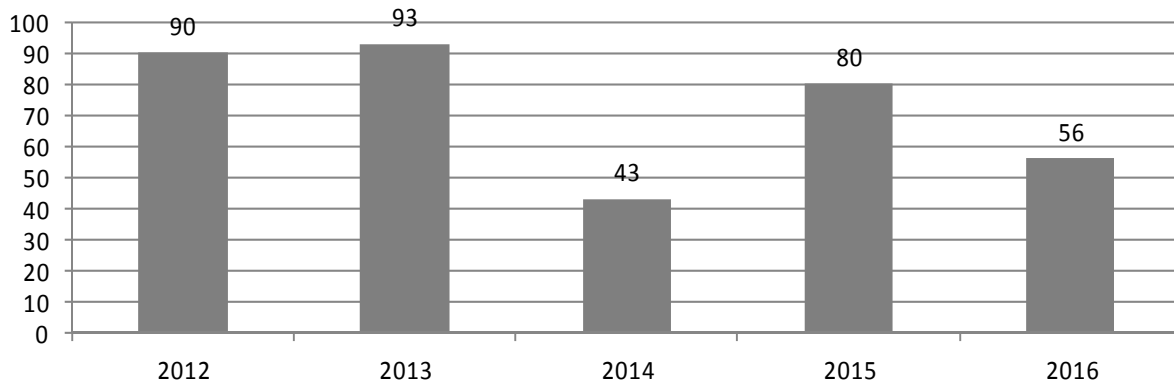
The men and women of the South Miami Police Department are focused on fighting crime and improving the quality of life for its citizens. Crime does not stand still and neither does a professional law enforcement agency when the face of that crime changes. By delivering timely and professional services to the community, we further solidify our allegiance to the public service promise we vowed to uphold.

Since 2013, our Total Crimes figures have shown a noticeable decrease. Whether it is from daily review of reported crimes, crime prevention programs, communicating with our residential and business partners in targeting hot spots of crime, or identifying known active criminals, providing for the safety of our residents and visitors is a 24/7 job.

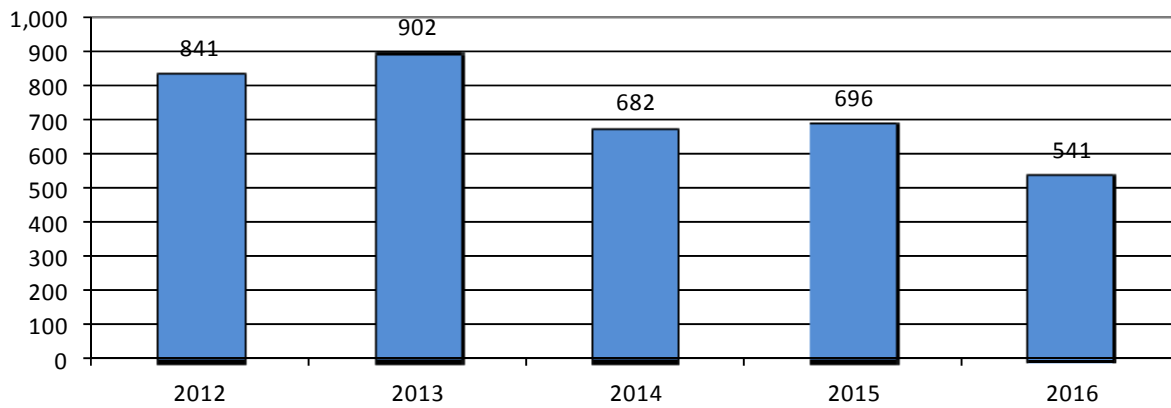
2016 has given us the lowest number in reported crimes since 2012. Perhaps this was made possible through the closer partnerships we have forged with citizens, merchants and various organizations. The South Miami Police Department hopes to keep this the “City of Pleasant Living”.



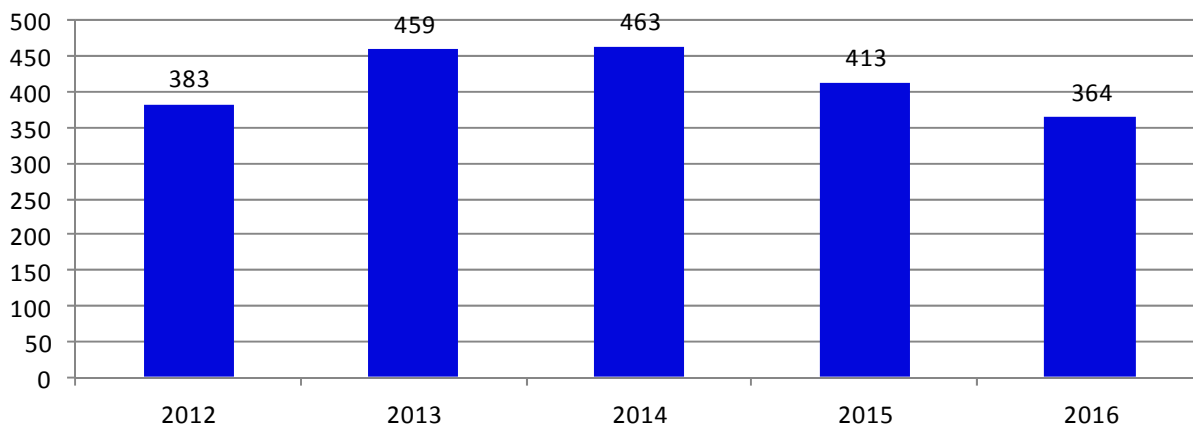
VIOLENT CRIMES



NON-VIOLENT CRIMES



ARRESTS



UNIFORM PATROL

The Uniform Patrol Division is the largest division within the South Miami Police Department. It is currently staffed with two Lieutenants, four Sergeants and twenty-nine Officers. The unit is responsible for handling calls for service such as the initial investigation of crimes, vehicle crashes, medical emergencies and traffic complaints. The division is also comprised of the following specialized units;



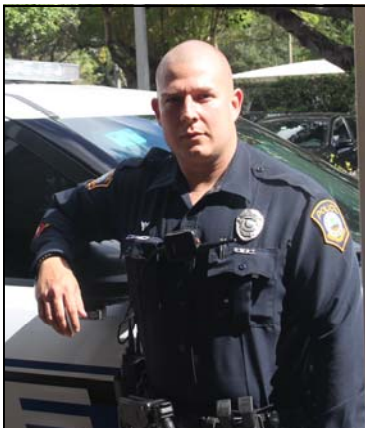
Capt. Larry Corbin

Traffic Enforcement Unit: The unit is currently comprised of one officer who is responsible for addressing traffic issues & complaints within the City. Duties include setting up traffic details such as “Wolfpack” and D.U.I. saturations. During 2016, we organized four “Wolfpack” details which produced a total of 483 traffic citations being issued. Multi-agency task force traffic details are also coordinated, one of which was hosted by our agency. The TEU also reviewed approximately 10,120 violations of the newly implemented Red Light Camera program.

Neighborhood Resource Officer: This officer tends to the needs of the citizens within the CRA addressing crime, traffic and quality of life issues; attends community meetings with residents, community leaders and outreach organizations and quarterly crime watch meetings. This unit also assists with various community events such as the Annual Toy Drive for needy children, CRA Christmas Tree Lighting and Back to School “Backpack” give away.

Downtown Walking Beat Officer: This officer works closely with business owners, managers and employees within the downtown area addressing crime, traffic, parking and quality of life issues. The officer works with local community leaders and staff in an effort to find a safe location for the abundance of large delivery trucks to load and unload without causing a hazard to motorist and pedestrians. This year the officer attended two Red Sunset Merchant meetings and four Merchant meetings at the Shops at Sunset.

Canine (K-9) Unit: This unit has one officer assigned to it and has recently made a change to the handler of the canine. This officer provides back-up support for patrol officers and conducts narcotic and area searches.



Ofc. Roberto Tefel
Traffic Enforcement Unit



Ofc. Melvris Lopez & CAST student
Neighborhood Resource Officer



Chief Rene Landa & Sgt. Serguey Hernandez
Downtown Walking Beat Officer



K-9 Handler Ofc. Ariel Gonzalez
& K-9 Hero Jack

The following were statistical performances during 2016:

12,964 Calls for service

108 Felony arrests

220 Misdemeanor arrests

13 Traffic arrests

521 Traffic Promise to Appear issued

47 Warrants served

10,332 Traffic citations issued

301 Parking Citations issued

640 Traffic warnings issued

4,362 Reports written



Lt. Lisa Morton



Lt. Ruben Rodriguez



Ofc. Pierre, Cpl. Hechavarria & Ofc. Everett pose for a picture showing the "heights" they will go to fight crime



Capt. Corbin addressing roll call as Ofc. Tefel, Cpl. Vesley, Ofc. Hernandez, Cpl. Hechavarria, Sgt. James and Ofc. Rodriguez listen in



Working the Nascar Races in Homestead Front row (l to r) Cpl. Hechavarria, Sgt. Bukens, Det. King, Ofc. Gonzalez; Middle Row (l to r): Capt. Barzola, Ofc Tefel; Back Row (l to r) Ofc. Johson, Ofc. Alvarez, Sgt. Vijil, Ofc. Everett, Ofc. Morejon, Ofc. Hernandez, Capt. Corbin, Ofc. Rezaie

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Criminal Investigations Division within the South Miami Police is responsible for conducting follow-up investigations as well as special investigations as defined in Department General Order 19.1. The division is divided into two units, General Investigations and Special Investigations. While each of these units has different job descriptions, each plays an intricate role in order for the division to function effectively.



Lt. Jesus Aguiar

General Investigations (GIU) is responsible for conducting follow-up investigations on criminal reports against persons and property which are filed by the public and not resolved by the Uniform Patrol Division.

Detectives assigned to this unit, follow-up on leads in these cases in an attempt to bring them to a successful resolution. Detectives assigned to this unit are also responsible for the collection of evidence and the processing of crime scenes.

The following were statistical performances during 2016:

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY	
Item	Amount
Cases Handled	1092
Cleared by Arrests	47
Cleared Exceptionally	108
Unfounded	78
GIU Clearance Rate	21.34%
Crime Scenes Processed	41
Money Seized (IRS Taskforce)	\$912,552 Total (SM Share is \$104,486)
Narcotics Value Recovered	\$510
Property Recovered (GIU)	\$304,485
Surveillances	223
Citizens Contacted	818



Sgt. Bartra reviews a case with Det. Vargas and Det. King

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications is an essential function of any police agency and is usually referred to as the nerve center. Personnel are responsible for monitoring and transmitting on various complex public safety radio frequencies and communications equipment, including radio consoles, telephones and computer systems. They operate two computer-aided dispatch systems, state & national computers, the security access system, thirty-two live monitor security feeds, greet the lobby traffic and function as a records depository. They also receive and process calls from the public requesting routine police or emergency services.

Here they determine the nature and location of incidents, classify the call as routine or a priority, dispatch police, fire or other emergency units as necessary in accordance with established procedures.



Comm. Mgr. Lisa Corbin

After dispatching the initial call for service they maintain contact with all units on assignment, as well as, maintain status and location of police units. In addition, Communications Officers input and retrieve data quickly upon receiving requests from the units for information such as: vehicle registration, driving records, and warrants.

During 2016, Communications handled/processed the below;

12,964 calls for service

137 teletype entries

95 repo/tow-ins were logged

280 watch orders entered

12,825 names were "mobile name candidated"

419 arrest records were reviewed and imported from the county AForm system

Daily citation transmittals reviewed for errors made on the 10,154 citations issued

795 background checks were conducted bringing in \$11,925 for the City

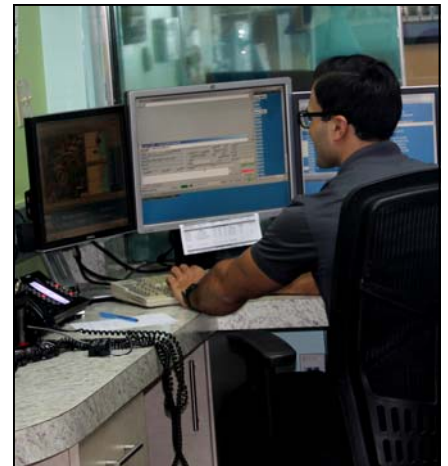
\$4,528 was deposited from report copying and research requests; not including those handled free of charge for victims or the state.



C.O. Vasquez relays info to officers in the



C.C. Kinsey answers a call for service



C.O. Vargas dispatches a call through the MDPD

ACCREDITATION

The South Miami Police Department has been an accredited agency for the last three years with the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (C.F.A.). This prestigious certification is only given to police departments that have demonstrated they uphold the highest standards of professionalism in law enforcement. The Accreditation Unit is responsible to see that the Police Department succeeds in passing its initial on-site assessment, as well as ensuring that it continues these practices to maintain that status with inspections every three years.



Asst. Chief Louis Fata

The Accreditation process requires continual training courses and meetings, gathering information of current and future standards, and ensuring that the Police Department is running its day to day operations in compliance with its own policies and procedures, State of Florida Laws, and under the professional guidelines and standards set by the C.F.A.

The Accreditation Unit is tasked with maintaining all files needed to prove compliance with the Commission standards. These are presented during in depth C.F.A. on-site inspections where:

- Officers are interviewed

- Facilities inspected, and

- The overall operations of the Department are put “under the microscope.”

The Accreditation Unit worked vigorously alongside the men and women of the South Miami Police Department toward the goal of making this one of the best law enforcement agencies in Florida, in order to better serve the citizens and visitors of the City of South Miami.

As a result of their hard work and dedication, the South Miami Police Department has passed its final on-site C.F.A. assessment and should receive full Accreditation at the next meeting of the full Board of Commissioners of the C.F.A. in February 2017.



Lt. Aguiar, Assistant Chief Fata and Chief Landa attend a CFA Conference in Jacksonville, FL

PROFESSIONAL COMPLIANCE

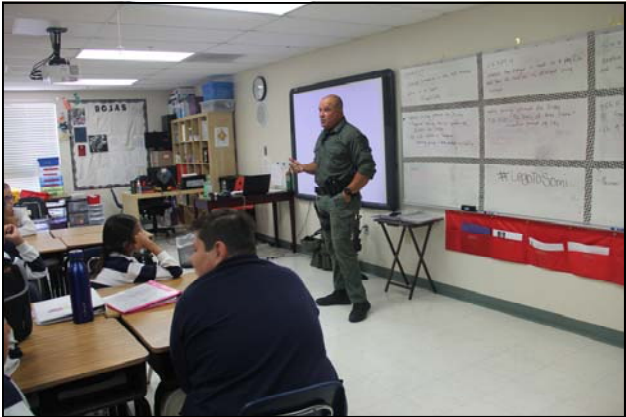
The Professional Compliance Section is responsible for internal affairs, training, recruitment and hiring. This unit is responsible for ensuring that departmental personnel receive state mandated training as well as advanced training appropriate for their position. South Miami Police Officers participate in annual “Mobile Field Force Training” which is county wide training that prepares officers for real life disturbances or civil unrest. Several “Active Shooter” training exercises were also conducted.



Sgt. Robert Bukens

In 2016, the total training hours for the department was 3,799. Online training equaled 526 hours while in classroom training was 3,273. The average training hours per officer based on 49 officers was 77.5.

In addition, thirty-three applicants were processed for various positions within the Police Department. The background process consists of interviews, criminal history, fingerprints, psychological testing, polygraph and a complete medical exam, along with a complete review of the applicants personal and professional past.



Training Ofc. Alvarez discussing Active Shooter Scenarios with student at SoMi



Ofc. Johnson attends field force training



(L to R) Cpl. Torres, Sgt. Rezaie, Sgt. Bukens and Ofc. Lopez at firearms requalification training

SUPPORT SERVICES

The Services Division is Comprised of five units; Property and Evidence, Vehicle Fleet Management, Records Management, Off Duty Coordinator, and Quarter Master.

Property and Evidence

The mission of the South Miami Police Department's Property & Evidence Unit is to provide efficient and effective processing, storage and production of evidence for prosecution of cases. This unit also oversees disposing of evidence and personal property and adequately supplies departmental needs. Our property room is used to store items coming into our custody for use as court exhibits or safekeeping. These items are categorized and retained until the case is ready to go to court or concluded and released to the owner.



Sgt. Darby Wagner

The following is the 2016 statistical performance of the Property and Evidence Unit;

- 407 items were impounded
- 76 items were destroyed (no evidentiary value)
- 83 items were returned to owner



Cpl. De La Espriella checks out property for court



2016 Patrol Vehicle

Vehicle Fleet Management Unit

Manages the operation and maintenance of the organization's motor vehicles. Develops and implements vehicle and equipment preventive maintenance programs. Develops and maintains outside vendor and service provider relationships. The Fleet Manager is responsible for overseeing all maintenance and repair of departmental vehicles and related equipment. Maintains the entire fleet of vehicles for the Department, working closely with various vendors and service providers through the completion of work. Some of the specific duties of the Fleet Manager; staying current on vehicle recalls and warranties and coordinating the purchase process of new vehicles and equipment, also takes care of licensing and registration of each vehicle. Both newly acquired and tenured vehicles are outfitted with state of the art emergency equipment and are maintained at a condition suitable for the rigors of modern police work. This year the police department added seven new patrol vehicles and one swat van to its fleet.

Records Management

The Records Unit is a controlled public service area which stores all police records and reports. The Records Unit distributes certain reports to the public and to various law enforcement agencies, such as the FBI, U.S. Secret Service, and the U.S. State Department. The Records Unit houses files pertaining to arrests, incidents, and accidents. As with other units of the South Miami Police Department, the Records Unit adheres to strict standards of confidentiality. This year the South Miami Police Department implemented body worn cameras for all road patrol officers. The unit maintains the footage and fulfills any requests for review.

Off-Duty Coordinator

The Off-Duty Coordinator is responsible for the Police Department's commitment to providing service to the community for different projects. We assign officers for lane closures during construction projects, security during long-term contracts with business owners, or short-term agreements associated with events in South Miami. In addition to the scheduling and working with vendors this position also administers billing and collections efforts.

Quarter Master Unit

The Police Quartermaster is responsible for the general oversight of the police department's equipment and supply function, to include, issuing equipment and other supplies to department personnel, identifying and evaluating "police specific" equipment, making equipment and supply purchases and maintaining inventory records. The Police Quartermaster also assists administrative personnel with the oversight and inventory of other department assets as needed.



[Cathy Motta](#)
Administrative Assistant



[Celia Vicente](#)
Department Secretary

POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

The mission of the South Miami Police Athletic League is to foster a positive relationship between the South Miami Police Department and the youth of South Miami. This is accomplished through educational activities, the arts and athletics.

South Miami P.A.L. offers a safe and healthy environment for it's youth, allowing them to develop academically, socially, mentally, and physically while under the supervision of caring youth counselors, teachers, Police Officers and other volunteers. Through positive interactions and mentoring, South Miami P.A.L. provides youth with the tools they need in order to achieve a successful future and in order to keep the youth in "Playgrounds not Prisons".



FOP POLICE MEMORIAL



Sgt. Bukens & Ofc. Rezaie, both Honor Guard members, attended the FOP Police Memorial in Tallahassee, FL

EXPLORER POST #256

The South Miami Police Explorer Program is sponsored by the South Miami Police Department and chartered through the Learning for Life Organization. The program provides middle school and high school students with an insight into a career in law enforcement.

Explorer Post #256 is under the administration of the Operations Section and is supervised by a group of specially selected police officers who serve as their advisors.

This program is known locally for its dedication in providing community service and for its ability to improve student's leadership skills. The SM Explorer Post #256 participated in a variety of police & community events throughout the year. Some include DUI Checkpoints, security for the Special Olympics, security for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk to Cure, Martin Luther King Parade, Walk like MADD, the King Pin Challenge, Twilight Run, Fourth of July Parade, Outside the Huddle Event and Santa's Parade of the Elves.

Collectively, the Explorers had close to 5000 hours of volunteer service for 2016. In addition, the team participated in local competition against 18 other agencies in Dade and Broward counties. There they placed 1st in Traffic Stops, 3rd in In Progress, 4th in Domestic Violence and 5th in Crime Scene.



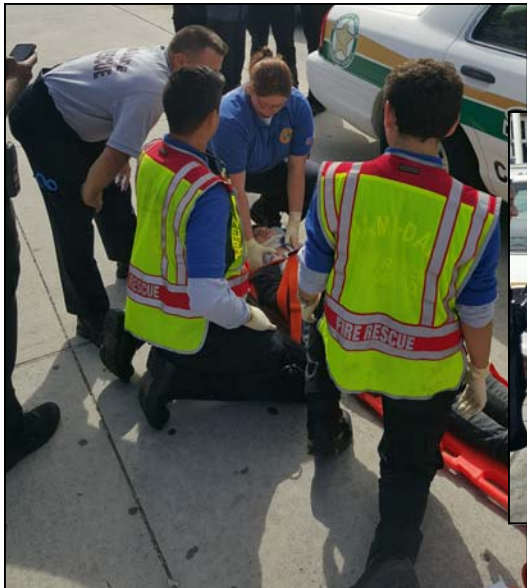
Sgt. Edgar Bartra



Local Competition Banquet



Expl. Advisors Ofc. Lopez & Sgt. Bartra



Local competition, scenarios and formations

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Chief Landa speaking at SMMS with students from "The Power of 1" club



Lt. Rodriguez gives out a gift card for the holidays



Lt. Rodriguez & Asst. Chief Fata give out holiday gift cards



Staff members attending the annual PBA Gala with their spouses



Sgt. Henry Guzman & Ofc. Chris Johnson pose with Explorer Post #256 and the Star Wars Storm Troopers at the JDRF One Walk @ Zoo Miami



SMPD poses with Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup Trophy @ The 1st Natl Bank of SM



Ofc. Hernandez attends the bowling with children event @ Splitsville



Police Appreciation luncheon held by the community



UM's Epsilon-Beta/Kappa Sigma Frat stopped by with doughnuts & coffee



Staff with Congresswoman Ileana-Ros-Lehtinen @ Casa Cuba



The Staff enjoys a cup of coffee with a resident



Ofc. Pierre with a local Girl Scout Troop in downtown

FALLEN HEROES

In memory of Fallen Officer Joseph Kephart...

Sergeant Kephart died in the line of duty 42 years ago after being hit head - on in a vehicle collision while driving home from work after his tour of duty.

Sergeant Kephart succumbed to this injuries on January 18, 1970.



Sgt. James & Ofc. Rezaie attend the annual Police Memorial at Tropical Park in honor of all those heroes who paid the ultimate sacrifice



Sergeant Joseph O. Kephart in the 70's was the Department's Supervisor of Identification, Shift Commander and the Firearms Training and Range Officer.



In memory of Fallen Officer L. Daniel Schulz...

Officer Schulz died in the line of duty 24 years ago after being stabbed while working an off duty job.

On October 15, 1987 Officer Schulz attempted to arrest a juvenile who was part of a gang which had been causing problems at the Bakery Centre movie theater. As he was taking the subject into custody, he was stabbed four times by the other members of the gang.

Officer Schulz succumbed to his injuries on November 27, 1987.



Officer L. Daniel Schulz in the late 80's while assigned to the Motor Unit

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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Members of the Police Department are involved in a myriad of organizations to “give back” to the community and support positive programs. Some of these are:

Rotary

Kiwanis

Local, State & International Police Chief Organizations

Cops for Kids

Alliance for Youth

Community Relations Board

Senior Citizens Center

Citizen's Crime Watch

YMCA

South Miami Elks

Big Brother/Big Sister

M.A.D.D.

Informed Families



ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR

PHILIP K. STODDARD

VICE MAYOR

ROBERT WELSH

GROUP III

COMMISSIONER

GABRIEL EDMOND
GROUP I

COMMISSIONER

JOSH LIEBMAN
GROUP II

COMMISSIONER

WALTER HARRIS
GROUP IV

CHARTERED OFFICIALS

CITY CLERK

MARIA MENENDEZ

CITY MANAGER

STEVEN ALEXANDER

CITY ATTORNEY

THOMAS PEPE, ESQ.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

SHARI KAMALI

CHIEF OF POLICE

RENE G. LANDA

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

ALFREDO RIVEROL, CPA

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

KELLY BARKET

HUMAN RESOURCES

RACHEL CATA

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

VICTOR CITARELLA

PLANNING & ZONING

JANE TOMPKINS

PARKS & RECREATION

QUENTIN POUGH